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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a consumer who uses Microsoft Windows and many other Microsoft programs both at home and in my work as a physician, part of a very large group practice also using Microsoft products extensively.

Even though rejected by my state of Connecticut, I write in strong support of the proposed settlement. While I think the government's case has been greatly overblown, the courts have in fact found that Microsoft engaged in anticompetitive behavior and requires a penalty. The proposed settlement should be accepted quickly, so Microsoft can get on with its excellent work.

I particularly write to comment against stronger penalties that would disrupt software integration and convenience for consumers, require consumers to spend useless time and money researching all sorts of "competitive options," and then have to fiddle around with their computers for hours getting all this stuff to work properly together--to say nothing of troubleshooting and other problems. The Microsoft group of products is a wonderfully useful and efficient system. Their software is a tribute to American ingenuity and should be supported rather than attacked. Microsoft's competitors are just using this case to try to force consumers like me to buy products of theirs which we don't want--let them win my business in the marketplace, not through some heavy-handed intervention of the government.

In short, settle this case, move on, and let us all worry about things that do matter.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours,

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